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### **COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment Fee**

To protect not only you, our patients, but also our clinical team members, we have had to make a significant investment to provide the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) for the safest care. We have gone above and beyond the minimum requirements. Please ask our team members for specifics if you have any questions.

#### *Statement from the American Dental Association (ADA)*

- The safety of patients, dentists, and dental team members has been and always will be the ADA’s utmost concern. The ADA has issued an interim recommendation aligning with those from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for use of PPE. Given those interim recommendations, the ADA anticipated the cost for each patient visit will substantially increase for procedure performed in the dental office.
- Third party benefit programs (dental insurance companies) should either (1) adjust the maximum allowable fees for all procedures or (2) allow a standard fee per date of service per patient to accommodate the rising cost of PPE. Not doing so is deemed an automatic reduction in reimbursement rates.
- Prior to such adjustments taking effect, dental office may wish to use CDT code “D1999: unspecified preventative procedure, by report” to document and report the use and cost of additional PPE. Dentists can use the code once per patient visit/claim to attempt to cover the cost of PPE.

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*I acknowledge and accept that due to the increased cost to provide COVID-19 recommend PPE that I am responsible for a \$10.00 OSHA/PPE fee per visit.*

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_